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Fresh, potable water
is only 3% of the
Earth's water supply
(97% is salt water).

WATER USAGE BY THE NUMBERS

(in gallons)

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Drinking

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Brushing teeth

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Cooking

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Showering



Water: A Precious Commodity

The Los Altos Hills Water Conservation Committee has had lively discussions on the place of water conservation within LAH. Should it be priced so that the free market will control its use, or should it be controlled and allocated by the State of California? In actuality, there are some of both in the mix.

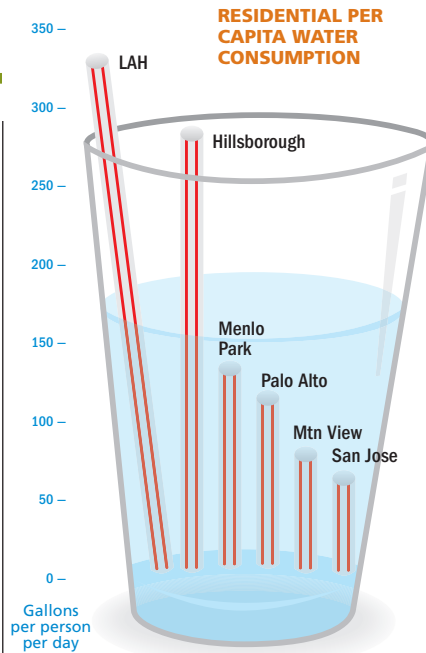
The State controls water allocation between the needs of farmers, environmental (e.g. delta smelt), industrial, and residential water use. The State is quite concerned about water efficient landscaping. In 1992, California passed a law addressing commercial landscaping. In 2006, they passed a law extending the requirements to residential landscaping with a focus on new constructions.

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The Department of Water Resources (www.owue.water.ca.gov/landscape/ord/updatedOrd.cfm) was tasked with the development of a Model Landscape Efficient Water Ordinance to be adopted by all California cities (or individual cities may adopt their own equally efficient ordinance). Los Altos Hills is working to develop an ordinance that is more appropriate for our unique situation. In LAH, past data suggests that new landscaping, primarily associated with new construction, uses water at 250% of that of the average LAH household. Typically one would expect about a 30% increase in usage to establish a new landscape.

LAH has seen in the last two years, both Purissima Hills Water District and California Water ask for voluntary water use cutbacks due to potential drought conditions. Both water districts have implemented or modified their tiered water rates to encourage further savings. These calls for conservation are real and needed. Purissima Water is Hetch Hetchy water, purchased by contract



Source: Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, Annual Report 2007

from SFPUC. There are no planned expansions of the system through 2018, and currently LAH is using 40% over its guaranteed allocation, which is possible because other communities

are using less, a condition that makes us an obvious target. SFPUC will be determining for each community that purchases water from them an "Interim Supply Allocation" and starting in 2011 will be implementing an "Environmental Surcharge" on water over that allocation. In short, water will be getting more expensive, and for large users, perhaps much more expensive.

None of this is to suggest that we are running out of water. Nobody is suggesting that we allow our landscaping to die. Most people over-water. In these cases, techniques like hydrozoning, mulching, and use of an inexpensive smart Evapotranspiration Controller (ET Controller) may reduce water use by 50% without loss of landscaping. Many people plant high water use planting, such as turf (non-native grass), where drought tolerant planting can reduce water use without losing the usefulness of our yards. Water conservation doesn't have to mean turning off your sprinklers and watch your lawn turn brown, as we did in the 1992 drought. Water conservation is the smarter use of water, and saving money too.

The Los Altos Hills Water Conservation Committee was created by the City Council on February 26, 2009. Its duties fall into two broad areas: research and report on water issues on the local, regional, and state level; and develop programs to reduce landscape water use and educate the public about water conservation. Committee Members: John Harpootlian, Chair; Ray Collins, Vice Chair; Peter Evans, Lysbeth Goodman, Brian Holtz, Richard Johnson, William Krause, Jean Struthers, Gary Waldeck, and Susan Welch

The Water Conservation Committee will work to inform the community through seminars and articles to help those interested in reducing their water use. See page 8 to learn more about the upcoming Water Conservation Forum: Turf Talk.

If you are interested in working with the Committee, please consider attending our monthly meetings, which are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

John Harpootlian, Water Conservation Committee

7 TIPS TO REDUCE WATER WASTE IN THE LANDSCAPE

The ordinary landscape requires so much water, it accounts for 70% of the average water bill and 90% of many new residences. Consider these 7 tips that reduce water waste in the landscape ranked from low to high impact:

- 1 Recognize how much water the landscape uses. From your water bill, average your December-February water use in units/month. This is your "monthly base." Now multiply your monthly base by 12 and subtract it from your annual water use in units. The remainder in units per year represents your irrigation use.
- 2 Make your water go as far as possible. Reduce evaporation by covering the soil 2 inches deep with mulch. Also, irrigate before dawn.
- 3 Irrigate according to needs. Reduce sprinkler schedules during the cooler and rainy seasons. Consider an inexpensive Evapotranspiration Controller (ET controller) that is connected to weather data. It automatically changes irrigation schedules to fit environmental conditions. Call your water district about rebates.
- 4 Hydrozone. Locate plants with similar water needs together. Irrigate each group with a unique circuit. If you can't hydrozone, resist over-watering all the plants to save a few thirsty ones. If one wilts, yank it out.
- 5 Reduce the amount of lawn and replant with drought-tolerant native plants.
- 6 Test for leaks and be sure to repair all of them. Call your water district for a free audit.
- 7 An irrigation survey done by a professional landscape contractor can identify inefficiencies in an irrigation system, such as poorly spaced sprinkler heads, or low pressure that could be a sign of a broken pipe.



TO LEARN MORE:

Visit: www.watereducation.org and www.wateruseitwisely.com for information and tips about water usage and conservation.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Update on Restoration of Westwind Barn

On July 23rd, the City Council awarded a \$1,038,504 contract to Nexgen Builders, Inc. for the structural rehabilitation and seismic retrofit of the Town owned and operated Westwind Barn recreational facility. The primary goal of this project is to provide a safe structure with

code compliant support facilities to serve the public.

The major cost items of the project include steel reinforcing of the barn's masonry walls in certain critical locations and strengthening of the building foundation with a system of drilled piers. The roof frame will be gusseted and

connected to the walls with

steel brackets. The existing roof will be replaced with 40-year three-dimensional architectural roofing shingles and code compliant plywood sheathing. The electrical and sanitary waste systems will be upgraded to meet

current electrical and plumbing code standards. The restroom will be altered to meet ADA requirements. All new exterior and interior surfaces will be painted to match existing. Virtually the entire cost of the project will be paid for with funds legally restricted to parks and recreation purposes or with funds exclusively designated for the purposes of barn restoration and for bringing this public building into compliance with current safety standards.

Street Rehabilitation

Also underway this summer is the Town's annual Street Rehabilitation Project. The Town was able to take advantage of a very competitive bidding environment and saved over \$300,000 compared to last year. The Town also received \$311,000 in Federal Stimulus funds that was designated for repairs to Page Mill and Moody Roads. Below is a list of streets scheduled for pavement work. For more information on the Town's street paving program, please contact Assistant Engineer John Chau at 650-947-2510.

Carl Cahill, City Manager



2009 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Street Name	From	To	Type of Work
Becky Lane	Elena Road	End	Remove and Replace 2.5" A.C.
Black Mountain Road	Natoma Road	End of Cul-de-Sac	Remove and Replace 2.5" A.C.
Burke Road	Old Altos Road	Bridge (Town Limit)	Remove and Replace 2.5" A.C.
Edith Avenue	Fremont Road	Bridge (Town Limit)	2" Overlay
Elena Road	Vinedo Lane	Moody Road	2" Overlay
Fremont Pines Lane	Fremont Road	End	Remove and Replace 2.5" A.C.
Moody Road*	Elena Road	Murietta Lane	2" Overlay
Old Altos Road*	Fremont Road	Burke Road	Remove and Replace 2.5" A.C.
Page Mill Road	Country Way	Matadero Creek Lane	6" deep lift (spot repair)
Purissima Road	Arastradero Road	Roble Ladera Road	2" Overlay
Purissima Road	26462 Purissima Rd.	Robleda Road	2" Overlay
Roble Ladera Road	Purissima Road	Concepcion Road	Remove and Replace 2.5" A.C.
Stonebrook Drive	El Monte Road	Prospect Avenue	2" Overlay
Vogue Court	Black Mountain Rd	End	Remove and Replace 2.5" A.C.

*Moody Road and Page Mill Road Project
Contract Amount: \$311,193.39 (stimulus funds)

2009 Pavement Rehabilitation Project
Contract Amount: \$650,959.35



FROM THE PLANNING DIRECTOR

Green Building Requirements

In 2008, the City Council adopted mandatory green building requirements for new residential construction. Beginning November 9, 2008, all new residence permit applications are required to incorporate green building measures using either Build It Green's: GreenPoint Rated or US Green Building Council's LEED for Homes checklists. Since the ordinance took effect, eight new homes have been approved using the GreenPoint Rated system. A GreenPoint Rated home is a house designed and constructed using four key principles: energy efficiency, water efficiency, conservation of natural resources, and indoor air quality. To qualify as a Green-



Point Rated home, the project must achieve a minimum of 50 points on the GreenPoint checklist. The average score for the eight approved new residences in Los Altos Hills is 85 points.

Remodels and additions are currently not subject to any green building requirements. However, the Town offers expedited building plan check service as an incentive for homeowners who voluntarily participate in the GreenPoint Rated program for addition and remodel projects. If you plan to renovate your home, *Build It Green's Home Remodeling Green Building Guidelines* is a great resource for those who wish to pursue an environmentally sound remodel. The guide provides practical ideas such as installing efficient appliances, lighting, plumbing fixtures, and using low VOC paints. This encourages the use of durable, high-quality materials so that your home will have a reduced environmental footprint, use less energy and cost less to operate.

If you'd like to receive more information on how to incorporate green building features in your addition/remodel project, please contact the Planning Department at 650-941-7222 or visit www.builditgreen.org/existinghome.

Debbie Pedro, Planning Director



Changes at the Planning Commission

On July 2, 2009, having served as Planning Commissioner for three consecutive terms, Carl Cottrell resigned his final year of appointment. PC Chairman John Harpootlian expressed the thanks of the PC for Carl's service



and for, "his solid even-handed reasoning on each application, and how he looked to find the interests of the applicant within the ordinances." In his retirement he plans to enjoy more golfing and travel.

The city council appointed LAH resident, Richard Partridge, a retired Brown University particle physics



professor to serve out the remaining term of recently resigned member, Carl Cottrell. Richard has previously served for two

years on the Open Space Committee and closely followed the recently updated General Plan.

On July 2, Eric Clow, long time member of the Planning Commission was voted



by his fellow commissioners to be the next Chairman for 2009-2010. John Harpootlian stepped down after serving his

one-year appointment. Eric will continue the tradition of reaching out to applicants and to facilitate the approval process in accordance with the prevailing town ordinances.

Hoedown

A hoedown barn dance is one of the most basic examples of American culture. Started in the last century, the hoedown was a way for everyone in the community to get to know one another while having good, old-fashioned fun. A hoedown offered a little something to drink, a lot to eat, and a whole heap of dancing. At that time, the music was usually provided by one or two fiddles, a banjo, and any other instrument that could be found or improvised, such as spoons, washboards, and tin cans.

To honor that tradition of celebrating community the Town will sponsor the Los Altos Hills Community Hoedown at Westwind Barn. The hoedown begins with a "Parks & Recreation Open House" — live music, arts and crafts, Farmers Market and free entertainment for the entire family. Backyard gardeners are invited to participate in our Community Farmers Market, and set up a table to sell their locally grown fruits and vegetables. The event will also feature old-fashioned

arts and crafts and textile demonstrations, including quilting, knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, as well as soapmaking, leather tooling, puppet making, hand crank ice cream, fresh pressed apple cider, kettle corn, lemonade, and family-oriented games and prizes. Come and view our equine exhibitions featuring the 4-H riders and the Parks and Recreation participants, from the Year Round Riding Program, as well as the Pacific Ridge Pony Club and Westwind Drill Team.

In the late afternoon, a country buffet dinner is available with **advance purchase** by Sept. 7. Seating is limited. Visit www.losaltoshills.ca.gov for reservation forms. The live music and activities begin at 3:00 pm. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm followed by an unforgettable evening of dancing and entertainment. Please drop off or mail your reservation form and payment to Town Hall. \$35/adult, \$25/youth-student (under 17). For more information contact Eric Christensen at 650-941-7222.

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SAT. SEPT 12
3-8 PM



INAUGURAL LOS ALTOS HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sign up now for the Inaugural Los Altos Hills Parks & Recreation Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for the Town's Parks and Recreation department, to be held at the prestigious Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club on September 14, 3:00-8:00 pm. The entry fee is \$225. The event will be a shotgun start in a foursome scramble format. There will be fun games on the course, and prizes awarded. Boxed lunches will be provided and drinks and appetizers will be served following your round. Your green fee supports the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and may be tax deductible.* For online registration and additional information, please visit www.losaltoshills.ca.gov or contact Eric Christensen at 650-941-7222 x 241.

*Please consult with your tax advisor as to the effect of this contribution on your specific tax situation.



FALL/WINTER PROGRAMS

Year-Round Riding

The Year-Round Riding program will begin in October. Classes will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. We also offer private lessons in 30 and 45-minute increments, so there is something for everyone! Also, it's never too early to start making plans for the holidays. Our winter Gitty-Up! Riding Camp returns for its second year. It will be held during the winter break. This is a popular camp, so sign up now before it's too late.

Fun on Ice and Snow

While the Year-Round Riding Program is the cornerstone of our program offerings, there is so much more to look forward to this fall! Blue Angels Ski and Snowboarding is returning for its third year in the Hills. The Blue Angels program gives children and teens the opportunity to ski or snowboard in the Sierras with friends and other snow sport enthusiasts in a fun, yet structured environment.



Summer has come to its inevitable end — vacations are a pleasant memory, kids are back in school, and the days are becoming progressively cooler. But the end of summer does not mean the end of the Los Altos Hills exciting and engaging Parks and Recreation programs.

Open to all ability levels, from first-timers to experts, the program takes care of everything: five full Saturdays of professional coaching taught by resort instructors, lift tickets, luxury bus transportation to Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort, constant adult supervision, lunch & snacks, Pro-Tec snow helmet, sponsor goodie

bag and equipment rental/leasing discounts at Sport Chalet.

The Blue Angels program provides a learning environment that fosters independence, builds self-esteem and boosts athletic skills. Classes will begin in late January. Please visit www.BlueAngelSnow.com or call (925) 939-7669 for more information.

We are also pleased to be partnering with Winter Lodge in Palo Alto to offer ice skating lessons this fall. We will offer lessons to children, in various age groups, ranging from 4-16 years of age. Even Mom and

Dad can learn to skate — adult lessons will be offered too! Classes will begin in late September so register now to guarantee a lesson.

Nature Journaling in Byrne Preserve

Take a hike near Westwind Barn and in Byrne Preserve to stop at various points to draw, paint and describe your observations (shown left and below). Please bring your own water, snacks, sunscreen, and sitting pad. Open to kids to adults Ages 6+.

The hike takes place from 9 am -12 pm on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Meet at Westwind Barn. The instructor is Scott Vanderlip. There is no fee for the activity; however a journaling kit (sketchbook, pencils, watercolors, etc.) is available for \$30.

Additional Programs

In addition to these great classes, here is a sample of what else is to come:

- Hoedown at Westwind Community Barn
- Inaugural Golf Tournament at Palo Alto Hills GCC
- Holiday Barn Lighting
- Pam's Yoga Fitness
- Archery Classes with Keith Gutierrez
- Reactions in Action from Mad Science
- Spy Academy from Mad Science
- Music Around the World classes
- Rally Training by Pat and Rosalie Alvarez

Register Now

To register or for more information, call us at 650-941-7222 or visit us on the web at www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/parks-and-recreation



PARADISE LOST?

It was the brilliant intellectual and writer, Jorge Luis Borges who once remarked: "I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library." In the golden age of the Internet, especially here in the land of Google, the rumors of the death of the traditional bricks-and-mortar library have been greatly exaggerated, to paraphrase Mark Twain. In reality, the local library system is thriving as it adapts to meet the needs of today's fast-paced, information-hungry culture.

The Los Altos library is part of the Santa Clara County Library System and serves Los Altos Hills as well as the unincorporated areas. This system includes community libraries in Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Saratoga as well as our main library and the Woodlands library on Grant Rd. This allows you, as library patrons, to have access to over 1,600,000 items including books, CDs and DVDs. In addition, there is an extensive library of downloadable books. All you need to access this wealth of materials is a library card. You can secure one of these by requesting one at your library.

The library has continuing programs for all ages but, in particular, for children, there are story times for toddlers, preschoolers and the whole family. There is online homework help through Brainfuse. The library has a study room for students.

The Community Room is in great demand by local organizations. Programs by The World Affairs Council, California Native Plant Society and the Art Docent Programs on current shows at regional museums are held in this room. Also, the Library provides exhibition space for local artists.

Those who regularly use the Los Altos Library know what a valuable contribution it makes to Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. It is a Community service, which we share jointly. It is part of what makes living here so rewarding. A powerful vision for the future is the ambitious goal for the library to achieve the most cardholders in the U.S. Building upon its reputation for service excellence, the Santa Clara County Library system wants to achieve the highest percentage of cardholders in its service area of any library in the nation. We urge everyone to obtain a library card — a ticket to a wide world of information, entertainment and intellectual growth. To learn more about all of the library services visit www.santaclaracountylib.org.

If you have any comments, criticisms or ideas for the Library Commission, please contact commissioners Jim Lai (fbg_jim@yahoo.com) or David Struthers (ddstruthers@att.net). The Library Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Library at 5:30 pm and is open to the public.

Jim Lai & David Struthers, Los Altos Library Commissioners

LOS ALTOS LIBRARY HONORS THE GINNIE WHIPPLE BEQUEST



Many friends of Virginia (Ginnie) Whipple attended the August 26th dedication of a new collection in her memory at the Los

Altos Library. Ginnie Whipple, a Los Altos Hills resident of many years gave a \$2.8 million bequest for the benefit of the Los Altos Library; representing the largest single gift ever received by any library in the county library system.

The Virginia Whipple Collection consists of the complete set of course offerings of The Teaching Company, the well-regarded organization that produces the Great Courses. To honor Ginnie, the library has installed special bookcases to house the 300 courses in the collection. The materials are available on CDs and DVDs; outstanding college faculty presents a wide variety of subject matter. The collection works as a virtual university.

The dedication ceremony included remarks by civic leaders from Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and Santa Clara County Library officials. Refreshments were served, and friends examined the Great Courses shelved in the special area set aside for the collection.

Many Los Altos and Los Altos Hills friends extended their respects to the memory of Ginnie Whipple, whose bequest was greatly appreciated.

Bob Simon, President, Los Altos Library Endowment Fund

How Green is Your House?

On June 17th a group of residents attended an Educational Forum on Greenhouse Gases. The evening started with an introduction by a member of the LAH City Council regarding the town's commitment to reduce green house gases. Following the introduction, Steve Schmidt, former EIC member spoke about the basics of green house gases, their relationship with energy, as well as existing and upcoming GHG regulations. Adam Byrnes our Town representative from PG&E provided an inter-

active "Carbon Footprint Calculator" kiosk for attendees to try out, and presented PG&E's status and activities related to GHGs.

EIC Chair Peter Evans spoke about Los Altos Hills inventory and specific targets approved by the City Council, as well as the purpose of these Educational Forums. A lively discussion ensued after Steve Schmidt presented specific actions LAH residents can take to reduce our GHG emissions. Presentations are available at the LAH Green wiki (www.LAHGreen.org). The feedback from the attendees was excellent and the EIC plans to repeat the presentation on October 14th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Mark your calendar for the following educational events that will be held at Town Hall:

Sept. 16 at 7:00 pm: *What is Residential Solar Photovoltaic Power?: How it can reduce your energy bills.* We'll discuss energy efficiency, different types of Solar PV Systems, as well as new financing options.

Dec. 9 at 7:00 pm: *Residential Home Energy Savings: The various ways to achieve savings including a Home Energy Audit.*

Please contact EIC member Lew Jamison at 650-949-3979 (lew@picircle.com) with questions or suggestions about this series. Residents who are interested in attending will be asked to register for the forums.

Lew Jamison, Member Environmental Initiatives Committee (EIC)

WATER CONSERVATION FORUM

Lawns Needs Less Water Than You Think

Join us for "Turf Talk" at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 9 at Town Hall. You'll meet landscape industry leader Frank Niccoli who will present a comprehensive discussion on turf. Frank is the owner of The Village Gardner, an environmentally friendly and water conscious landscape company. As an instructor at Foothill College in the Horticulture Department he focuses on proper turf techniques and California native plants. Sponsored by the Town of Los Altos Hills, Purissima Hills Water District and California Water Company. Free. For reservations contact raykcol@yahoo.com or ashields@purissimawater.org 650-948-1217.

BORN TO BE WILD

One of the rewards of living in Los Altos Hills is that we can enjoy the beauty of the semi-rural environment, co-existing peacefully with a wide variety of wild animals. The only cause for concern is when the path of humans and wild animals converge. The confrontation ranges from the mildly humorous to the very dangerous. Confronting a skunk, raccoon, or deer — dead or alive — on your property can be unsettling or frightening. What exactly do you do with a dead deer on your property, or a raccoon racing around your property?

If an animal is alive and trapped in a fenced area, the best strategy is to safely open the gate and allow it to leave on its own. Then promptly close the gate.

A snake should be left alone until it slithers away on its own. An injured or dead snake should be moved using a shovel or rake.

One common misconception is that a young wild animal, such as a fawn, is abandoned because the mother cannot be seen. In the wild, mothers often leave their young alone all day while they seek out food. In most cases, the young animal is fine and should not be moved.

Another misconception is that a bird or mammal will not accept its baby after a human has touched it. A fallen baby bird, for example, can be gently placed back into its nest if the conditions allow.

A sick or injured animal usually needs medical care from a veterinarian or wildlife expert. For birds

and small mammals, contact the Peninsula Humane Society's Wildlife Rescue. For birds, small mammals, or deer, contact the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley (see chart).

After seeking advice from one of the agencies below, use great caution when attempting to capture or contain wild animals. Also, never dispose of dead animals in residential garbage cans. Landfills or garbage sites will not accept any deceased animal because they contaminate the ground water.

The Los Altos Hills Open Space Committee

Resource	Phone Number	Reason to Contact
Peninsula Humane Society's Wildlife Rescue	650-494-7283	Advice on birds and small mammals Notification of an injured animal Rehabilitation
Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley	408-929-9453	Advice on birds, small mammals, or deer Notification of an injured animal Rehabilitation
Santa Clara County Sheriff Emergency	408-299-2311	Notification about dead animals on the road
Palo Alto Animal Services	650-329-2413	Rescue/removal large animal on the road
San Jose Tallow Company	408-452-8777	Removal of dead animal from private property for a fee
Local Veterinarian	411	Removal/care for small animals



During the first hours and days after a major disaster in Los Altos Hills, emergency services could be overwhelmed, leaving families and neighborhoods on their own without government assistance. The Los Altos Hills City Council voted unanimously in 2008 to approve the Community Emergency Response Program (CERPP). The goal of the CERPP program is to prepare residents to be self sustaining immediately following a disaster.

PREPARING FOR A TOWNWIDE EMERGENCY

A major component of CERPP is the Los Altos Hills Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The program's goal is to build active CERT teams in as many neighborhood divisions as possible and train 1% of the Town's population over time. Los Altos Hills Unincorporated is also included in the program.

Santa Clara County Fire Department personnel will train and empower residents in safe, effective neighborhood CERT teams. Instructors teach residents to take life-saving action to help their families and neighbors get through the first hours or days when emergency services are overwhelmed.

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District purchased trailers equipped with first aid and rescue supplies for CERT. The trailers will also serve as a coordination point during an actual emergency or disaster where radio equipment and supplies will be issued to the teams. The coordination point will be the communications link between the Town's Emergency Operations Center and CERT volunteers.

The CERT team is volunteer-based, overseen by the Town's public safety officer, Steven Garcia. "We are looking for 5 individuals who would take a leadership role in the team" Garcia said.

"They would assist in neighborhood organization, training, exercises and recruitment efforts." CERT managers will receive emergency management training at the California Specialized Training Institute in San Luis Obispo. The Town will cover the costs for the one-week course.

CERT training is 20 classroom hours spread over 5 classes. Students pay the \$90 fee at the beginning of the class. Fire personnel teach fire safety, light search and rescue, and first aid. Other classes include terrorism, disaster psychology, and CERT Organization. Students will also receive a backpack equipped with first aid and rescue supplies. Graduation day is followed by a barbecue at the town's Recreation Center. Upon successful completion of the course, Los Altos Hills County Fire District will reimburse students the \$90 fee.

In 2009, a total of 88 residents have graduated from the program. CERT training is not required to participate in neighborhood teams.

To learn more, sign up for CERT, or to apply for a manager position, please call Steve Garcia at 650-947-2508 or Mike Sanders, 650-922-1055.

A recent CERT class poses in front of Town Hall after their graduation.



APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ

On May 14, 2009 a Certificate of Commendation was presented to Colonel Lionel M. Nelson in appreciation of his service and dedication to our country. Colonel Nelson was deployed to Iraq as the Brigade Surgeon for Task Force 449. His commitment required both service in a war zone caring for America's



heroes and voluntarily closing his medical practice during his tour. We applaud and thank Colonel Nelson and his family for their spirit of sacrifice and valuable gift of service to our country. Dr. Nelson and his wife Elaine and family have resided in LAH for 35 years. He completed his residency at the Stanford University School of Medicine and has a practice of ear, nose and throat in San Jose, while teaching part time.



THE COLOR OF MUSIC



The Town of Los Altos Hills announces the art exhibition of award-winning Bay Area architect Goodwin (Goody) Steinberg of Palo Alto. Steinberg will exhibit his series of "Color Note Music"—oversized original fine art prints at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall from September 15, 2009 to March 1, 2010. The series was previously shown at the Tech Museum in San Jose.

Using a computer that selects color based on the 88 keys of the piano, Steinberg has

seamlessly married art, technology, and music.

The public is invited to meet the artist at an open house sponsored by the Town of Los Altos Hills, on September 27, 2009 from 2:00-5:00 pm at Town Hall. Steinberg will discuss his artistic and technological process. Later, on January 14, 2010, there will be a "Walk and Talk with the Artist" from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. To learn more contact curator Karen Druker at 650-941-8073 or Town Hall 650-941-7222.



TOWN PICNIC A HUGE SUCCESS

This year's Town Picnic, held on Sunday afternoon June 7 at the new Purissima Park, drew a huge crowd of over 1,800 Town residents — at least 400 more than last year. Local firefighters prepared a delicious barbecue while everyone enjoyed perfect summer weather and listened to the "Jazz Unlimited" band. Children had many activities and attractions to choose from: pirate show, jump houses, obstacle courses, art projects, toy train display, and face painting. Car enthusiasts were also able to enjoy the classic car show, with 56 entries, on an adjoining field.

The Town Picnic, organized by the Community Relations Committee, has grown over the years into the signature event in Los Altos Hills.

In its first year, 1998, about 300 residents attended. So many cheerful residents volunteered to help scoop ice cream, serve beverages, coordinate games, staff the registration table, and do all the other tasks necessary for a successful event. The Committee would like to express its appreciation to all of the volunteers and attendees that made this such a wonderful and memorable event.

Roy Woolsey, Chairman Community Relations Committee



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Ginger Summit

CALENDAR

Sept 9

Wednesday, 7-9 pm

Turf Talk

Water Conservation Committee at Town Hall. Guest Speaker: Frank Niccoli, Horticulture Instructor; Free, but reservations suggested. Contact: Reservations to raykcol@yahoo.com or ashields@purissima.com or call 650-948-1217.

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Saturday, 3-8 pm

Hoedown

Parks & Recreation Committee Event at Westwind Community Barn. Advance Reservations required for dinner; Cost: \$35/person; Must reserve by Thursday, Sept. 7. Contact: Kathy Evans 650-996-6187 or Eric Christensen at 650-941-7222 x 241.



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Monday, 3-8 pm

Golf Tournament

Inaugural Los Altos Hills Parks & Recreation Golf Tournament; Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club. Benefit LAH Parks & Recreation Programs; Advance Registration required; entry fee is \$225. Contact: Eric Christensen at 650-941-7222 x 241.

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Wednesday, 7-9 pm

Solar Photovoltaic Power

What Is Residential Solar Photovoltaic Power and How It Can Reduce Your Energy Bills?

Environmental Initiatives Committee Forum at Town Hall. Free, but reservations suggested. Contact: Lew Jamison 650-949-3979 or lew@picircle.com.

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Sunday, 3-5 pm

The Griffin House History & Architecture

LAH Historical Society; Speakers Jonathan Baer, Steve Aced & George Espinola. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, Refreshments. Contact: John Ralston 650-776-9226.



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Sunday, 1-4 pm

Holiday Barn

Lighting at Westwind Community Barn

Arts & Crafts, visit Santa in antique horse carriage, demonstrations by YRRP,



4-H and Pony Club, live music and entertainment. Contact: Eric Christensen at 650-941-7222 x 241.

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Wednesday, 7-9 pm

Energy Savings

Residential Home Energy Savings, and the various ways to achieve savings including a Home Energy Audit. Environmental



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Saturday, 11 am

Holiday Caroling On Horseback

Los Altos Hills Horseman's Association; Horses festively decorated for the season and voices tuned for caroling. Meet at Robleda and Fremont Contact: Kathy Evans 650-996-6187.

Calendar events are also posted on Town's website: www.losaltoshills.ca.gov